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Southeast student governments unite during conference

BY MIKE HINMAN
WHALESONG STAFF

University of Alaska Southeast student leaders plan to hold conferences three times a year to promote unity among the three campuses' student governments.

That was one of the results from the two-day Fifth Annual Legislative Affairs Conference that was held over the weekend at the Bill Ray Center.

Ruth Pangia, the new legislative affairs coordinator, who was appointed by the United Students of the University of Alaska Southeast (USUAS) earlier this month to organize and oversee the

weekend gathering, said the conference was productive. It allowed students throughout the state the opportunity to discuss common problems.

"All the campuses seem to have common problems. And because the university was just formed as a united university, it is going to take a lot of time and effort on the part of the university's administration and students to resolve the problems," said Pangia Sunday, after the close of the session.

During the conference on Saturday, seven of the state's 60 lawmakers were on hand for a discussion with university students. Lawmakers on hand (Continued on page 8)



Legislative Conference

Juneau Rep. Fran Ulmer talks to University of Alaska students during the week's 5th annual Student Legislative conference held at the Bill Ray Center downtown. Shown listening are: (from left) Rep. Robin Taylor, R-Wrangell, Rep. Bill Hudson, R-Juneau; Rep. Cheri Davis, R-Ketchikan; Ulmer; and Rep. Mike Navarre, D-Kenai.

Photo by Gregory Norman

Pool table pleases some students, upsets others

BY CHARLI COLLINS
WHALESONG STAFF

Thanks, in part, to the United Students of the University of Alaska Southeast (USUAS), the Maurant study room recently transformed into a pool room.

There have been a few complaints voiced in regard to

the table, said Dutch Knight, president of USUAS. Some students like to have a place to eat and study quietly at the same time, he said.

"With the new library on line, we are trying to meet as many of the students' needs as possible. A lounge that will accommodate studying and eating is in the plans, and

should be available in the fall," Knight said.

According to Knight the student lounge, located at the South end of the Maurant Building, will be made into a quiet study room this fall. And, the study will expand into the areas where the Whalesong and student government offices are currently located as soon as a

student union can be built to accommodate those offices.

The student union, proposed this year by the administration, has not yet been approved by the Board of Regents or the Cowper funding administration.

Knight also said a lot of people have expressed to student government that they enjoy

having the table. And, others have made clear that they like it by using it.

The table belongs to C.J. Enterprises. Student government agreed to assume responsibility for missing or broken equipment. C.J. Enterprises will, in turn, give student government 40 percent (Continued on page 8)

Gorbachev accepts honorary degree

BY WHALESONG STAFF

The new President of the Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev intends to accept an Honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the University of Alaska Southeast, although he likely won't be accepting in person.

UAS Chancellor Marshall Lind earlier this month announced that he had been told by Soviet Ambassador Yuri Dubinin that Gorbachev would accept the honorary degree that was offered to him by the university's board of regents last

fall.

"We are elated by the decision, but we're still working out the details..." said Lind.

He said the university is still waiting for word on if anyone representing Gorbachev will be attending the university's May 4 commencement to accept the degree. He said the university is hopeful that Gorbachev himself will either by satellite or video tape, present a special commencement address to UAS students. If that doesn't happen, Lind said he believed that some

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Egan Library Dedication Held

Dignitaries are on hand for the official dedication of the William A. Egan Library Friday. Among those on hand include Juneau Sen. Jim Duncan, Juneau Rep. Fran Ulmer and former state Rep. Katie Hurley. For more information on the dedication see story Page 7.

Photo by Sean Paul

Regents approve future tuition increases

BY WHALESONG STAFF

After two days of debate the University of Alaska Board of Regents set tuition rates for the coming two years.

The regents during a meeting held in Juneau in late February approved an increase of \$4 per credit hour for undergraduate resident tuition -- an increase effective this fall. The board also approved a second \$4 per hour increase to

take effect in the fall of 1991.

For graduate tuition the increase will be \$5 per credit hour starting this fall with an additional \$10 an hour hike slated for fall 1991. Nonresident undergraduate tuition was raised by \$5 per credit hour for this fall and another \$10 an hour in 1991, while nonresident graduate tuition will increase by \$10 an hour this fall and by another \$20 an hour in fall 1991.

Under the tuition policy fees will be in effect for the first 13 credit hours for undergraduates and for the first nine hours for graduate students. Regents also approved a policy where tuition policy for the next school term will be set at the board's first meeting in September of the preceeding school term.

Edee Rohde, director of information services for the university, said the policy was

set in response to student desires that students be informed as far in advance as possible when tuition increases are planned.

During the regents Juneau meeting the members heard a report on the workings of the community college mission at the university's Juneau institutions. They also discussed a report on the university's self-study and evaluation committee.

The regents also discussed

capital budget reports, but took no action on a proposal to seek funding for a practice gym to be built above the upper parking

lot on the UAS Auke Lake campus. The proposal, not contained in the regents original capital budget, was put together by the university during February.

The next regular meeting of the board will take place in Juneau on April 19 and 20.

Juneau housing shortage affecting UAS students

BY SUE ELLEN HOLMSTRAND
WHALESONG STAFF

The shortage of rental housing in Juneau is directly affecting students at the University of Alaska Southeast.

For the first time in five years, the university's housing office has been unable to house all students desiring on-campus accommodations. And there is very little housing available in privately owned homes in the Juneau area.

At the March 6 meeting of the Juneau Coalition for the Homeless, agencies dealing with housing problems indicate there

are more people homeless in the area than ever before. With unemployment at low levels, the shortage of housing became the prime target of the coalition.

The Alaska State Housing Authority reports that all of their low-income units are full in each of their projects, and there is a two-year waiting list for subsidized housing.

Tish Griffin, activities director at UAS, said that students that are requesting on-campus housing have been turned away in record numbers. Of particular concern to Griffin in the lack of availability of units for families.

With the demographics of student population showing a major group of older, so-called re-entry students, family housing is critical to the university, Griffin said recently.

Local property manager Joel Orelove of Abel Management Inc., said that currently he has only one home listed for rent. He said that vacancy rates are less than 2 percent and that it is an "owners market" for housing.

Orelove said that such a market makes it particularly difficult for students living in group situations. Most owners would prefer to rent to families

with full-time employment, rather than to students.

Building contractors in the Juneau area say the housing glut and the crash of housing prices, which caused many of them to go bankrupt in the early 1980s, is the cause for the reluctance of builders to start new housing. Also banks are still reluctant to make loans for new construction. The builders say that until housing prices for homes already built exceed the cost of building new housing, financing for new construction will be difficult to obtain.

While home prices have reversed and single-family home

values are starting to gain about 1 percent a month, the value of most condominiums and some apartments are still far below construction costs.

With essentially no new building in the area and no construction slated to begin on new university housing, the housing crunch is not going to abate in the foreseeable future. While the university has long-range plans for an addition to the Auke Bay housing complex, the project has not been placed on the Board of Regents long-range capital projects list and is not slated for legislative funding in the foreseeable future.

Skagway's railroad history told to geography class

BY SUE ELLEN HOLMSTRAND
WHALESONG STAFF

Roy Minter, retired vice president of the White Pass & Yukon Corp. and the author of the book, "The White Pass," spoke March 6 about the history and impact of the White Pass Railway.

Minter, a guest of Pat Fitzgerald's Alaskan Geography class, authored the book, "The White Pass--Gateway to the

Klondike." He also produced four films about the North. Cassettes of the films, "Frontier Busters," "Four Giant Steps," "There's the Land," and "Brave New North," were given as a gift from Minter to the class. The films are on reserve in the UAS library for viewing there.

Students and faculty heard Minter talk of how the idea for the railroad was born in the saloon of the S. James Hotel in Skagway in 1898. The railway

system was a product of "British money, American engineering, and Canadian contracting," said Minter. He went on to explain the role of the rail system, it being the first integrated transportation system using ship, rail and truck. With this system the container ship was introduced and Skagway became the first container shipping port in the world.

The construction of the

Klondike Highway between Skagway and Whitehorse, Y.T. in the early 1980s and falling mineral prices caused the railroad to suspend operations in 1982. In more recent years, however, the railroad has reopened part of its more spectacular runs to tourists.

The train, departing daily in the summer from Skagway, still climbs to 2,800 feet to look down upon the old trails used by

early gold seekers. And, according to Minter, in the summer of 1989 the White Pass Railroad carried more passengers than in any other year in its long history. The railroad ran tours from Skagway to just past the border. It also used a small work car to pick up Chilkoot Trail hikers at Lake Bennett and carry them back to the border for the return train ride into Skagway.

Summer Sessions

Registration for UAS Summer Sessions begins April 16, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Office of Admissions and Records, Auke Lake Campus. Session I begins May 7 and Session II begins July 2. This summer offers a wide variety of classes and special interest programs. We hope you will join us -- education *does* make a difference.



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\$3,000 worth of equipment stolen from Marine Technology Center over break

BY MIKE HINMAN
WHALESONG STAFF

Over \$3,000 worth of equipment from the University of Alaska Southeast Marine Technology Center went on an unplanned four-day vacation over Spring Break.

The material in question consisted of more than \$2,900 worth of automotive electronic testing gear and a \$350 VCR.

"It's not big and heavy, but

there is a lot of it," said Bob Green, director of the UAS physical plant.

"I believe Friday was the last time the instructor saw it," said Green.

The missing equipment was called in to the Juneau Police Department (JPD) by Green on Sunday around 2:30 p.m.

How the burglars gained access is still a mystery.

"I don't know. We haven't figured that one out yet," said

Green.

All of the equipment was recovered on Tuesday by the JPD acting on a tip.

"My understanding was that it could be found at such and such a location, and there it was," said Green.

The university was back in possession of the missing items on Wednesday.

"Without that material, the instructor might have had to cancel the class," said Green.

Student assistant sought for peer tutor

Student Assistant being sought: The University of Alaska Southeast is seeking applicants for a

position as a student assistant IV, a peer tutor, at the Learning Center. The job, which will start next session, pays \$7.64 a

hour. Applications are being accepted through June 30. For information call personnel services at 789-4536.

Child's center seeks debt help

BY SUE ELLEN HOLMSTRAND
WHALESONG STAFF

A request for funding to cover past debts was submitted by the University of Alaska Southeast Childcare Center to the student government association earlier this month.

The center, an auxiliary service of the university, falls under the supervision of the university but receives no direct funding. Salaries and benefits are paid at university scale.

The center is expected to balance its budget without monetary support and can be closed if its budget cannot be met.

Rhonda Salerno, director of the center, said that the funds are not needed to cover current debts, but rather to finish paying the debts that were incurred before she became director. According to Salerno, the center was \$14,000 in debt two years ago. However, a grant from student government last year helped to retire approximately one half of the debt. The \$7,000 requested this year should bring the center back into the black.

Other measures taken by the center to insure that it will

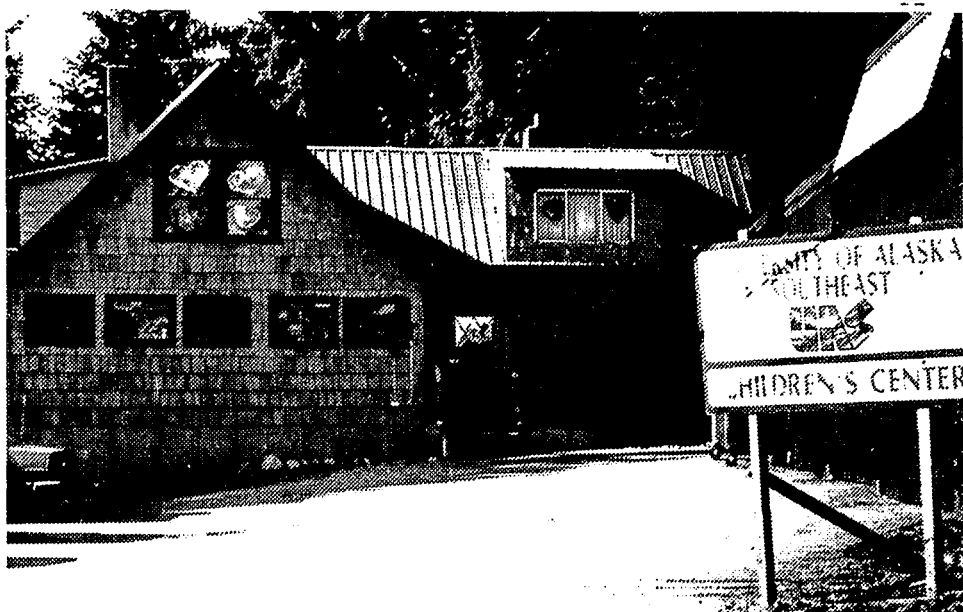


Photo by Gregory Norman

The University of Alaska Southeast Child Care Center is shown. The Center is seeking some \$7,000 from the university's Student Government Association to pay off past debts. The center is hopeful of one day moving from its Mendenhall Back Loop Road location to new space in the proposed Student Union center to be built someday along Auke Lake.

not become indebted again include raising the rates and cutting out the expensive toddler program. It is hoped, said Salerno, that the rate hike will not seriously affect the two-thirds of the children at the center whose parents are full-time students. It is hoped that low-income students will have

their childcare subsidized by state and federal agencies.

Salerno is looking forward to the construction of the new

student center that will house the childcare center. The new facility will provide much needed space for children. Salerno hopes that the toddler program will be re-opened at that time.

While the center was proposed earlier this year by the administration to be built along Auke Lake north of the Maurant Building, it has not been approved by the university's Board of Regents and is not yet in any upcoming capital budget.

Sorensen receives Fullbright funding

BY MIKE HINMAN
WHALESONG STAFF

Ingolstadt, Germany will be the new home for a year for Connor Sorensen.

Sorensen, a history and western civilizations professor for the University of Alaska Southeast, has received a Fulbright Lectureship.

"This is a very exciting time to be in Europe," said Sorensen.

Ingolstadt is about 100 miles north of Munich on the Danube River.

The Catholic University at Ingolstadt is a church related school supported by the government and the Catholic church, said Sorensen.

While he is on his 10 month leave of absence in Germany, he will be teaching courses on American history and the history of agriculture in America, he said.

"I'm doing research on open-air museums, like Jamestown where people dress up as the past," said Sorensen.

Open air museums are very close to what it would have

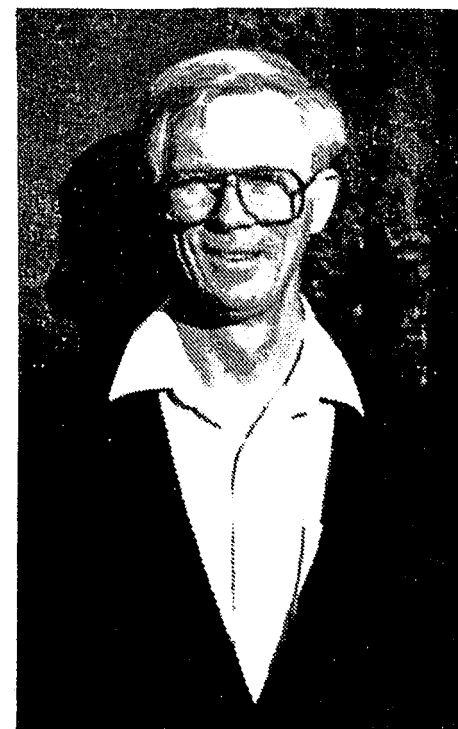


Photo by Mike Hinman
Connor Sorensen

been like had a person lived in the represented era, said Sorensen.

"The school is about the same size or a bit larger (than UAS)," he said.

The town is medium to large for Germany, said Sorensen.

He said he expects a core of interest in American history from the students.

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Childcare critical

University childcare centers are traditionally an ideal environment for the developing child. At times there may be more staff than children as education, psychology and sociology students are all earning class credits as they study their young charges.

University of Alaska Southeast Juneau is a sad exception to this norm because the education department as UAS does not offer a practicum course specifically designed to include the childcare center.

The UAS center has the disadvantages associated with caring for children of limited income student-parents, but few of the advantages.

Next year, due to necessary budget cuts, the childcare center will be eliminating the toddler program for those children 18 months to three years old. The center will also be raising rates paid by students for childcare in order to meet the budget requirements.

Studies have shown that children in the 3-5 age group benefit greatly from attending a pre-school program. Further, new welfare reform laws require that parents on AFDC with children over the age of three must be either employed or in an education or training program. This should increase the student population of UAS students who have children in need of care.

What a wonderful opportunity for learning and growth for parents, children, and all university students. Let's hope that the education department wakes up to this fact.

UAS professor suggests Japanese custom for keeping library clean

BY WALLY OLSON
FOR THE WHALESONG

The new Egan Library is indeed a beautiful addition to our campus. When I walk in I see the beautiful carpeting, lounges, study carrels and all the other new equipment. It would be nice if we could keep it in "Bristol condition", as the marines say, which means it is just like new. But in talking to one of the custodians, I was told that it takes several hours just to vacuum the carpeting. My thoughts then went back to a widespread Japanese custom - in many buildings, people take off their shoes and put on slippers when they enter. In high schools, the students take off their "outdoor" shoes and put on slippers or "indoor" shoes when they are inside.

As you enter the Egan Library there is a nice, warm, lighted entryway with plenty of room for a rack to hold shoes and slippers. Although some may complain about the inconvenience of taking off their shoes when they enter, the

wearing of slippers in the library might be a savings to the university not only in regards to wear and tear on the building, but on the cost of maintenance. Visitors and

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library staff could bring their own "inside" shoes if they like.

If someone merely wants to dash in and drop off books, their could be a book drop in the entryway. But for those who are going in to study, to check out new books and periodicals or to do research, the simple ritual of putting on slippers may have a beneficial psychological effect. I may be a way to get in the right mind set to do some serious intellectual work.

Even if the wearing of slippers were optional, and the slippers were provided, it might cut down on costs. A little inconvenience might reap a big benefit.

LETTERS

Abortion

Dear Editor,

It is the year 2,000; commissions have been established in each state to screen women who apply for abortions. Permission is granted based on a point system, with points being awarded for certain factors and subtracted for others. For instance, if you enjoyed the act that led to the conception, subtract twenty points; if you were raped, add twenty; if you are Black or Hispanic, add thirty. Does this scenario sound outlandish? It is

the logical extension of the "compromise" suggested in the Whalesong editorial of Feb. 9, 1990, "Abortion Compromise."

That editorial advocates the screening of women who request abortions, and states that in the case of certain acceptable circumstances such as rape or lack of monetary support, "...then a woman would be allowed to apply for an abortion." The editorial also states that, "In cases where the father is present, his consent should be mandatory." I fail to see how this is a "compromise" between the anti-abortion and pro-choice positions. Pro-choice simply means that the choice of whether or not to nurture a child within her womb for nine months belongs to the woman affected by that choice.

Suppose we did adopt a system of requiring women to apply for permission to have abortions. Who would be making the decisions under such a scenario? The editorial is not specific on this point, but simply advocates that, "Laws should be established to screen women," and, "...a jail penalty should be the result of falsifying information on an application." If we, as a society, are going to allow abortions under some circumstances--and only the most fanatic right-to-lifers argue that we should deny abortions to all women under all circumstances--then where do we draw the line? Who decides whether or not an unwanted pregnancy endangers a woman's physical and emotional well-being? Who has the right to force her to nurture a life within her body for nine months only to give it up for adoption?

Pro-choice advocates believe that a woman's right to control over her own body is as fundamental as the right to free speech. According to the Whalesong editorial, however, "We are essentially allowing our freedom--the most fundamental value for our culture--to kill us!"

In its search for a "compromise," the editorial lists three circumstances under which a woman could apply for an abortion: lack of financial support, conception as a result of rape, and danger to the mother's life. Lack of financial support is certainly a reason why a woman should consider abortion. But, as many divorced single mothers can testify, the presence of a father at the time of the child's birth does not guarantee continued financial support, nor that the amount of support received will be adequate to meet the child's needs. Again, who decides how much financial support is enough? And is monetary support all that is necessary to raise a child to healthy, productive adulthood? Women who choose abortion frequently do so out of genuine concern for children, and the belief that all children deserve loving, supportive homes. Only the pregnant woman knows if she is emotionally ready to provide that necessary lifetime of love and support, and the presence of financial support does not guarantee her readiness.

In such a case, when the mother is capable of bearing the child but does not choose to raise it, the editorial suggests adoption as the logical alternative because, "There are many couples in this country who can not conceive children and have had their names on waiting lists for years to adopt a healthy baby." Healthy baby is the key word here; healthy and free from disabilities. Unless, of course, we allow intrauterine testing for abnormalities, and the abortion of less than perfect fetuses. For make no mistake--those children born with illness or disabilities of any sort are highly unlikely to be adopted, and often face a grim future of life in foster homes and institutions.

And yet, in a curious contradiction the editorial recognizes that adoption is not always the answer. "The other pertinent argument for abortion (Continued on page 5)

Student's enjoy Garland's humor, Garland enjoys students and job

BY CHARLI COLLINS
WHALESONG STAFF

When University of Alaska Southeast Juneau campus' (UAS) mathematics professor, Dr. Gerard Garland dances from one end of the chalk board to the other explaining a concept, his excitement spills over to his students.

"I enjoy his energy. His humor really livens up the subject," said Sherry Miller who has Garland for college algebra this semester.

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Although the subject matter can be less than thrilling, Garland's students probably spend about 70 percent of their class time smiling while they work.

He teaches the material clearly, and the concepts that are particularly hard for most people to grasp he spends a little extra time explaining. But what most people like is the way he makes light of the heavy sections. His students never quite know what to expect.

"Ah let's see now, two plus one equals roughly three, huh?" Garland might say on any given day.

Another favored aspect of his teaching style, students say, is he doesn't just fly through everything with the comment, "This stuff is easy."

The people who have taken higher maths will testify, 'easy' is not the right word to describe them. Garland seems to have the capacity to remember this, even though he probably took some of the classes he teaches now during his first semester in college.

"I had him for calc. three. I thought he was good," said Tracy Buckham, a UAS student who plans to go into engineering.

Unfortunately what happens to some instructors is they spend nearly one-third of their lives learning the particulars of the field they specialize in, and then of course it's easy. But, what they often forget is that it wasn't necessarily easy at first.

Explaining new ideas from the ground level is every teachers' challenge. Some conquer this challenge better than others.

UAS is fortunate in that it currently employs three qualified and very well liked (among the students) math instructors, Ron Seatter, Karen House and Garland.

Garland currently teaches nearly full-time at 80 percent. (Continued on page 6)

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is in regard to the extremely poor and minorities, which are often one in the same. We already have an overabundance of black, Hispanic and interracial babies in need of homes." Does this mean, then, that minority women facing unwanted pregnancies should be forced to choose abortion? The editorial seems to condemn abortion on the one hand, yet on the other hand to accept it as a necessary evil for impoverished and minority women. It is but a short step from here to the argument favoring forced sterilization of poor women who have "too many" children. Again, it is inconsistent to argue that abortion is acceptable under certain circumstances, for women of a certain race or class, but not for others. Medical safety of the procedure and the pregnant woman's choice should be the only factors involved in the decision.

If, then, we are willing to allow abortions under certain circumstances, then how do we decide who is entitled to receive an abortion--more importantly--who decides? In addition to permitting abortions to protect the mother's life, only the most extreme fanatics would argue that a woman should be forced to bear a child conceived as a result of a rape. But what about the much more common scenario, when the pregnancy results from contraceptive failure? The Whalesong editorial does not even address this issue, except to say that "Women who feel they can not accept the enormity of child birth, should take precautions to avoid it." Unfortunately medical science has not yet devised a method of birth control that works 100 percent of the time. "A Failed Revolution," by Ellen Sweet, (Ms, March 1988) evaluates the safety and effectiveness of various forms of birth control. Only abstinence is 100 percent effective, and some methods--such as the Pill and IUD--carry risks of medical complications, as well as having failure rates of three percent and six percent respectively. The safest method, the diaphragm, has a failure rate of 18 percent. According to the article, no reliable studies have been done on condom effectiveness.

These failure rates are not merely abstract statistics; a failure rate of six percent, for instance, means that of 100 women using the method for one year, six of them will become pregnant. The Whalesong editorial offers adoption as a simple alternative for women who find themselves in such circumstances, yet I wonder if the writer has even considered the lifelong emotional consequences of

bearing a child only to give it away. I can't even imagine the agony of bearing a child and giving it up for adoption, although it is an admittedly selfless act, and one that some women are capable of. However, one need only recall the famous "Baby M" case to realize that even women who freely choose adoption may have difficulty living with the decision. Imagine, then, the horror of being forced to carry an unwanted child for someone else to raise. Such an experience could endanger a woman's mental health, and threaten the well-being of her entire family.

Despite what the editorial implies, pro-choice advocates certainly don't condone abortions as a means of birth control. "Yes, the pro-life advocates are right, abortion is not and should not be practiced as a means of birth control?" It is callous to argue that anyone would choose abortion--a medical procedure with inherent risks of its own--as a method of birth control. But human beings are fallible by nature; they make mistakes, and sometimes they are careless. Because a couple makes a careless mistake that leads to the conception of a child does not give society--or the father--the right to force the woman to bear that child. Hopefully, the woman would have the loving support of a spouse, friends, minister, or counselor in deciding how to handle the situation. In a perfect world, choosing abortion would never be necessary. But we don't live in a perfect world, which is why the difficult, painful decision to choose abortion must ultimately be left to the conscience of the pregnant woman.

Sincerely,
Kathy O'Dell Ellis

Abortion

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to your editorial of Feb. 9, 1990 entitled "Abortion Compromise." Since whoever wrote the article didn't sign it I'll address my response to you. After reading the editorial I can understand why it was submitted anonymously.

The controversy surrounding abortion is based primarily on two issues: at what point is a fetus considered a human being entitled to all the rights of citizens already born, and on what basis are we making this decision? In reading your editorial I found both of these points neglected.

You state, "Women who feel they can not accept the enormity of childbirth, should take precautions to avoid it." I would like to point out that although 48 percent of teenagers admit to being sexually active, parents want to believe their

Satriani's latest work reviewed

BY MIKE HINMAN
WHALESONG STAFF

Warning: this is not an easy-listening album. It is a rocking, shredding showcase for virtuoso guitarist, Joe Satriani.

The multiple talents of Satriani shine through in his latest release, "Flying in a Blue Dream." Flying soars from rhythm-and-blues to crashing and bashing heavy metal.

Satriani first broke into the rock scene with 1986's "Not of This World."

He added the followup, 1987's blistering "Surfing with an Alien," that set him on a course as a true guitar hero.

His next release was the EP "Dreaming #11." All of these albums are comprised of instrumentals.

Satriani, on Flying, plays the guitar, bass, harmonica, banjo, percussion and he sings on six of the 18 songs. He wrote and arranged all the songs as well as co-produced the album.

The album's title track, "Flying in a Blue Dream" lifts a person out of their present situation and takes them for a ride on the Satriani dream guitar.

"The Mystical Potato Head Groove Thing," although I'm not sure where it resembles a potato, provides an insight to the guitar works of Satriani. He

layers a great, thrashing rhythm with a variety of playing techniques.

Satriani's voice matches well with his lyrics. His voice is airy and mystical, suiting well the third and fifth tracks, "Can't Slow Down" and "Strange."

"Can't Slow Down" is a hard-hitting song with a strong rhythm guitar that doesn't slow down.

Satriani changes pace with the funky "Strange." He still shines through with a screaming solo, and some hot power riffs.

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His voice is contemplative in track six, "I Believe," but returns to the pounding rhythm and shrieking guitar in the instrumental "One Big Rush."

Satriani sings and plays the harmonica in "Big Bad Moon," defiantly not for the faint of heart. He gives an idea of what he is capable of in the heavy metal department.

Satriani provides a slight relief in the 52 second banjo song, "The Feeling."

"The Phone Call" adds variety to the album with Satriani breaking up with a girl in a humorous, rhythm and blues song.

"A Day at the Beach," for

lack of a better description, is short (2:03), but pleasant.

Track 12, the instrumental "Back to Shalla Bal," is reminiscent of the songs in "Surfing." He continues to barrage the listener with twists on the basic guitar licks of the song.

Satriani sings again on "Ride," telling the listener of the euphoric effects of his bike and demonstrating it through his guitar.

"The Forgotten," parts one and two return to the instrumental format and showcase more of the complex arrangements of Satriani.

"The Bells of Lal (part one)" is a short, mystical guitar piece.

"The Bells of Lal (part two)" incorporates the sounds of part one with a funk beat (Satriani's bass) and adds speedy stratospheric guitar sounds.

The last song, "Into the Light," has a keyboard background to Satriani's carried out notes. The short song ends in a whalesong-type guitar note.

The whole album is entirely likable. If a person doesn't like the first three songs on the first listen, they might as well take the album back.

It's that good, if a person likes to be pounded by rifling guitar. If not, then a listener is certain to like a few of the (Continued on page 6)

child is not one of them. The lack of comprehensive health and sexuality education at that level has resulted in incredible teenage pregnancy rates. By the time one reaches adulthood one is assumed to "know" this information but the increasing level of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS in the heterosexual community deny this myth. I would also like to point out that birth control is the responsibility of both partners, not only in choosing a method but in learning how to use it correctly.

Another point I found particularly insulting was in regard to the "over abundance of black, Hispanic and interracial babies." You used this as an argument in favor of abortion. Is racial origin to be one of the criteria used in determining whether a woman obtains an "abortion permit?"

The compromise you offer is one of pregnant women

applying for permission to obtain an abortion. It has been

my experience that a woman faced with an unplanned

pregnancy turns to her partner, family, friends and religion--not Big Brother. If the choice of the

father overrides that of the mother, as you suggest, does this mean he can make her have an abortion if that isn't her choice? I'm also curious about the qualifications and guidelines of the officials handing out these permits--will they be based on your viewpoint?

I hope mine is not the only letter you receive in response to your editorial. Abortion is an issue not to be dealt with in

tidy, unrealistic "compromises" that avoid the key issues. It also deserves to be written by someone responsible enough to sign their name to their opinion.

Sincerely,
Cathy Donadio

Editor's note: According to Associated Press Style, editorials are not written with by lines.

Student Government Elections

April 10 and 11

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Elections for President, Vice President and Legislative Affairs Coordinator will be held in the Mourant Building and at the Bill Ray Center.
For more information call 789-4537.

Perserverance Theater features local playwright

BY CHARLI COLLINS
WHALESONG STAFF

"Signs of Life," Perserverance Theater's next main stage production, is the brain child of Juneau playwright Debbie Baley.

After a three-year trek up and down the fierce and winding road of writing, Baley, 35, said she feels both excited and relieved to have the play polished and ready for the stage.

"It has lived inside my head for so long now. I just can't wait to see it happen."

She said the discipline of writing can be a hard one to learn. Her advice to budding playwrights is to learn that discipline as early in their careers as possible.

"You have to just do it (write) and keep on doing it. And most importantly read, read, read. Never stop reading."

Baley said Ernest Hemingway is one of her favorite authors. She once read

that Hemingway admitted to having 35 pages of waste to every one page published.

"I thought not me. But once I started doing my own work, I realized that Hemingway was a master. An absolute master. It sometimes takes me 90 pages or more to get one."

The original idea for "Signs of Life" came from the Living Bible's Old Testament, Baley said.

"I wanted to bring Abe and Sarah from 'The Sons of Abraham' into the 20th century."

The finished product, however, bears little

resemblance to its inspiration, she admitted.

"When you write, the characters you create take on a life of their own, and you follow them. You can't lead," Baley explained.

The two characters in "Signs of Life", Abe and Sal, journey in search of the only important thing in life to them, and that's life itself. The consequences they face in their quest may surprise viewers, but the real shockers arise in their attempts to find answers to these predicaments.

They spend almost the entire play following "signs"

that they believe will lead them to what they want. The various sacrifices they make and the unbelievable things they run into along the way, might just reveal a powerful message about life to those who see the play.

The plot thickens along with the air, and the two adventurers have airs about them that will send viewers rolling in laughter along with the actors.

"Signs of Life" is a comedy, tightly intertwined with adventure and shock. It has the capacity to have a happy, sad or indifferent ending. Perserverance Theater will have to tell the rest of the story.

The end can be interpreted in several different ways. It will depend on the viewer's perspective, Baley said.

The play features P.J. Gentry of Anchorage as Sal and Bruce Hanson of Fairbanks as Abe. Christopher Hanna from Norfolk, Virginia is the director.

"Signs of Life" opens April 19 and plays through May 13. It starts at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets will be available starting April 2 at Big City Books Downtown and Hearthside Books.

BRIEFLY

Five Finalists Named for UA presidency: The names of the five finalists for the presidency of the University of Alaska statewide system were released earlier this month. The five are: Dr. J. Wade Gilley, senior vice president at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., Dr. Jerome B. Komisar, executive vice chancellor at State University of New York and president of the Research Foundation of the State University of New York in Albany, N.Y.; Dr. Carrol Krause, commissioner of higher education of the Montana University System in Helena, Dr. Patrick J. O'Rourke, chancellor of the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, and Dr. V. Lane Rawlins, vice chancellor of academic affairs at the University of Alabama system in Tuscaloosa.

Several members of the university's Board of Regents will be visiting the finalists' campuses and then making a recommendation to the full board on which of the finalists should be asked to visit Alaska for final interviews.

Air Traffic Controllers Test to be given on campus: UAS students who wish to become a federal air traffic controller will be able to take the Federal Aviation Administration's air traffic controllers examination from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 in Room 205 of the Hendrickson Building on the Auke Lake campus.

The test, which takes a minimum of three hours to complete, is open for walk-in examination. Applicants will have to have identification and must be 18 years of age and have either three years of work experience, four years of college or a combination of college and work experience totaling three years.

Applications will be processed and tests graded within

two weeks. Persons chosen for hire will be sent to the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City to be trained for Air Traffic Control Specialist work in FAA en route centers, in service stations or in airport traffic control towers.

Informational booklets are available in the student resource center.

Learning Center seeks students: Students are reminded that the UAS Learning Center is a free service open to UAS students. It is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, on Fridays by appointment only and on Saturday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. The center is located downstairs in the William A. Egan Library.

The center sports tutors to help students in a range of classes including Math 054, Calc. 3 and other mathematic classes.

Ethics 2000 Symposium planned for Juneau: A symposium entitled Ethics 2000 is planned for Juneau's Centennial Hall on April 3 and 4. The symposium will feature a host of noted speakers including Paul Duke, moderator of "Washington Week in Review" on public television and Barbara Ley Toffler, the founding partner of Resources for Responsible Management.

The cost of the session is \$125 in advance. For information on the symposium call the UAS Office of Continuing Education at 789-4526.

Brown Bag series continues: The topic for the next in the U.S. Forest Service's weekly Brown Bag luncheon series is "What's Happening In Congress." It will feature Steve Brink, a planner for the Forest Service, who will speak on Tongass activities. He will speak at noon March 28 at Centennial Hall.

Scholarship Applications Available:

The application period is now open for more than \$90,000 in scholarships available to students who plan to attend the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau, Ketchikan or Sitka during the 1990-91 school term.

Information on all scholarships currently available is included in a Financial Aid and Scholarships packet that is available from the Financial Aid Office in the Whitehead Building on the Juneau campus or at the Bill Ray Center downtown. The deadline for most of the scholarships is April 30. For information call Barbara Carlson-Burnett at 789-4463.

Students can also seek help with national scholarships by writing to Student Assistance, a national scholarship group. If students want help in filling out an application for a national scholarship they can send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Student Assistance, P.O. Box 57037, Webster, Texas 77598.

Museum Seeks Volunteer Help: Students interested in volunteering their time as a docent, or a person who gives tours of the Alaska State Museum, can call the museum. For information call Docent Coordinator Lisa Golisek at 465-2901 soon. Lectures for potential docents began last week.

UAS Student Art Show slated: Patrons of the arts, curious onlookers or any persons interested in the arts are invited to the latest works by University of Alaska Southeast students. Prints, paintings, sculptures and ceramics created by Alice Slattery Tersteeg, Todd Turek, Jane Terzis, Bruce Alliot, Dave Gelotte, Tony Pope, Charles Rohrbacher, and Jerry Howard, will be on display.

The first show opens today and will run through April 6 at the William A Egan Library. A second show will run from April 16 to 27 at the Golden Jade gallery, 240 S. Franklin

St. The show is free of charge to the public.

Program on Abortion planned: The UAS student activities office and Student Government is sponsoring a two evening "For Your Information" program on abortion. On March 27 starting at 6:30 p.m. there will be a program featuring the "Coalition for Choice," while on March 28 the program will be presented by "Alaskan's for Life." Both programs will be held in Room 113 of the Hendrickson Building.

For information on the program call Cheryl Loudermilk at 789-4528.

Lyric Opera program to open: The Juneau Lyric Opera presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Mikado will be held at 8 p.m. April 5 and 6 and at 3 p.m. April 7 at the Juneau Douglas High School auditorium. Tickets are available now at local book stores.

Earth Day organizers seek aid: In preparation for Earth Day activities volunteers are being sought. Anyone interested in speaker or performing at an Earth Day Fair planned for Juneau's Centennial Hall on Sunday, April 22 should call Ann Fuller at 789-0292 or 465-2767. There will be a number of displays and activities at the fair.

Student Biological Aide being sought: The Alaska Natural Heritage Program in Anchorage is seeking a student biological aide to work 10-20 hours a week. The aide will research biological information from libraries, government agencies and other sources in Juneau.

Students must be enrolled in six or more credit hours and Alaska Natives are encouraged to apply. For information call Brenda Theyers, Alaska Natural Heritage Program, 707 A St., Suite 208, Anchorage, AK 99501 or call 279-4549 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Satriani

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songs.

The lyrics and the voice of Satriani are good enough to ask the question, why didn't he sing in his first two LP's?

I hope he continues to mix lyrical and instrumental tracks in his next album, although it isn't absolutely necessary.

The album doesn't let up, from end to end, and makes me want to ask, how does he do that?

"Flying in a Blue Dream" is a showcase for Satriani's considerable talents and is a must listen.

Garland

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The university is accepting resumes for a full-time math instructor to replace the 80 percent position. The person selected would begin work this fall.

Garland said he really hopes he gets the position. He likes his work, his office and his students.

While I know I can not speak for all the students concerned, I have spoken with lots of them and it seems if they had any say in the situation, they'd choose Garland.

He's here. He likes it. He's liked. He does his job. He wants the position. Hire him.

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If anyone would like to comment on this article, or anything in the paper, on campus, life in general etc... drop off a letter to the editor at the Whalesong office in the Mourant Building. It should be printed in the next issue.

# Egan library dedicated with speeches, dancing

BY WHALESONG STAFF

A host of dignitaries were on hand Friday for the formal dedication of the University of Alaska Southeast's newest building, the William A. Egan Library.

UAS Chancellor Marshall Lind presided over the official opening, which was followed by a community open house on Saturday on the Auke Lake campus.

Along with Lind University of Alaska Regent President Gordon Evans spoke, as well as Juneau Sen. Jim Duncan, Jim Bradley, chairman of the UAS Juneau campus council, Juneau Mayor Bruce Botelho, and Fred King, executive director of the university's facilities, planning and construction office.

Also Austin Hammond, a Native elder, and recipient of an honorary doctorate of

humanities from UAS last year, spoke.

Most of the discussion centered on three-term Gov. William Egan, the state's first chief executive, who served for eight years from Statehood in 1959 until completion of his third term in 1974.

During the ceremony officials of STRAND Construction Co. of Anchorage, which finished the nearly \$10 million facility, presented Egan's widow, Neva, with a painting.

After the ceremony the Eagle Raven Dancers performed. They sang several "love songs" to each other's clan. The final event was a Native food buffet provided by the Eagle Raven Dancers and hosted by Klukwan, Inc. Klukwan's village Native corporation. The buffet featured smoked salmon, herring roe and breads with jams made with local berries.



Photo by Sean Paul

The Eagle Raven Dancers perform during the dedication of the William Egan Library Friday.

## 'Millineum:' a bad movie that drags on forever

BY MIKE HINMAN  
WHALESONG STAFF

A new rental movie just hit the shelves, actually I think it missed.

"Millineum" stars Kris Kristofferson and Cheryl Ladd.

The plot involves Ladd as a part of a "time corps" that rescue people who are about to die in plane crashes.

The idea is they need the people because the Earth of the future, about a thousand years,

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is poisoned.

The inhabitants of the future Earth can't reproduce, but they do have the technology to travel in time (?).

The problem with time travel is paradoxes, messing up the past so the present doesn't exist.

Kristofferson is visited by Ladd on two separate occasions and you get to see both encounters not once, but twice.

You know what happens so it's kind of a waste of time.

Kristofferson does a fair job of acting, for him, but I am thoroughly convinced that Ladd couldn't act her way out of a paper bag.

Only Daniel J. Travanti turns in a decent job of acting, but he doesn't appear enough to make the movie worth while.

The whole idea of the plot is a bit thin.

A paradox is set up by the inefficiency of Ladd, who has no reaction to her fatal screw up.

The real let-down comes at the end.

After one night together, true lust takes over and the Kristofferson-Ladd duo jump into the time-travel light to God only knows when. He's the only one who cares.

The End.

"Millineum doesn't succeed

as a love story, a time travel story, a I-wonder-if-this-could-be-true story, or any other kind of story.

It has passable special effects, but that doesn't make up for the general blandness of the flick.

The movie is ultimately boring, predictable and doesn't even attempt to involve the viewer.

I hope I don't have to sit through "Millineum" for another thousand years.

## Classifieds Announcements

### Sailing Class

UAS will be offering a sailing class starting in April. The class sessions will be April 17, 19, 24, 26 and May 1 from 7-9p.m. The open water sessions will be May 5, 6, 12, 13 and 19. Students will choose one open water day and will spend the full day out on the boat. The class is being offered through Continued Education (789-4458). The total cost will be \$135.

### Lost Ring

A ring was left in the OA Calculator Room and the Bill Ray Center. Call 789-4402 extention 49 to describe.

### Depressed?

Are you in denial of depression? There is a way through. Come learn more about depression and how to cope, Thursday March 29 in room 206 of the Herdrickson Building from noon to 1 pm. Presented by concerned students of UAS.

### Ski Tickets

Student government purchased 55 ski tickets for students to buy through the UAS

business office. The cost is \$10 for full-time students and \$15 for part-time. A limit of one ticket per person, per day please. Three tickets may be purchased on Fridays.

### Free AIDS Testing

The Juneau Health Center will be doing free AIDS/HIV testing on campus on the first Wednesday of each month (starting April 4). Tests will be administered at the Student Health Center in the Whitehead Building from 4-6pm. Call for appointment, 586-3736.

### Tlingit Language Class

UAS will offer a class on Tlingit language and culture in the fall if enough interest is expressed. Call Tracey at 789-3847 if interested.

### For Sale

Save your quarters! Maytag dryer for sale-\$75. Also misc. furniture, lamps, T.V. etc... Call 789-4649.

### Jobs

#### Student Biological Aide

Needed immediately! Student biological aide. 10-20 hrs/wk. Research of biological information from libraries, gov't agencies and other sources in

Juneau. One year of experience/course work in biological or library science required. Must be enrolled in 6 or more credit hours. Alaska Natives are encouraged to apply. \$8-12/hr. DOE. Contact Brenda Theyers, Alaska Natural Heritage Program, 707 A street, Suite 208, Anchorage, AK 99501. 279-4549 (9a.m.- 4p.m.)

### Personals

#### Hi Jolie!

Juneau misses you. We hope to have you back soon!!!

#### Shaun,

Quiche? Poker? I'll be there this time. Played sexual pursuit lately? Said anything funny about paper towels and coffee filters? You're so funny Shaun-Shaun!

Queen Quiche

#### Cygnus,

It's a lot better when you take your boot off...isn't it? Rhombahedra

#### Joe Loacker,

Thanks for introducing me to the 'flaming banana' or whatever you called it. It was delightful.

Pool Spectator

#### Calvin,

Thanks for a great night, (Feb. 20). I enjoyed being in your arms, safe and warm. Let's do it again sometime soon!! Kay?? Bye.

Hobbs (not

Mike Hobbs!!!)

#### Batgirl,

It's fate, tennis late and a dutch date.

Batty Guy

#### Sofia,

Welcome back!

Mike

#### Kurt,

It's my crown. Good party, eh?

Pong-Man

#### Hi Steph and Becka,

Hagan Daas!!!!!!!!!!!!

Mike

#### Bert,

Isn't it a pity? Isn't it a shame? Now you have an attitude and you're the one the blame.

The Wench

#### Mike,

Thanks for being the way you are. You're a great friend.

Sofia

#### Owen,

Your buwets can not hawm me.....My wings are like a shiewd of steew! Don't give up until the miracle happens.

Sister Margaret

#### Shawn,

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## Council

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of the proceeds, according to the USUAS minutes from their Feb. 16 meeting.

Other student council business includes an allocation of \$2,813 for a temporary full-time secretary in their office, to handle such things as purchase orders, file systems, phone calls, messages and an array of other responsibilities.

A permanent, full-time, paid position needs to be established in order to help student government run more efficiently, Knight said.

At their March 21 meeting the council could not pass a motion for a full-time position to staff the office, because the annual cost would come to \$21,000 and there was not enough support for the expenditure.

A motion was, however, passed, 4 to 3, to hire a part-time staff member for the office and cut the officer of secretary's salary.

Up until now, the USUAS president has been paid \$2,000 per year, the vice president, legislative affairs coordinator and secretary have received \$1,000 and the treasurer has received \$500 per year.

A logical compromise might be to cut back on some of the other paid officer's salaries in order to fund a full-time position, said Cecile Elliott, USUAS treasurer who voted against the motion for a

part-time staff member in the office.

"We definitely need a full-time person in there," Elliott said.

Among other student government business was an allocation of \$1,074 for the Whalesong to purchase two computer upgrade kits.

They also spent \$2,100 for two student pizza parties. One was held Feb. 24 and the next one will be March 24 at Bullwinkles in the valley.

They allocated \$300 for the dance in the Maurant Building March 2, and \$1,200 to pay the activities coordinator for extra hours.

They also appropriated \$600 for Explorations, UAS's literary publication.

Some issues the council discussed, but opted not to appropriate funds for, at this time, included a Japanese film entitled "Throne of Blood," which would cost \$160.

USUAS Lower Division Representative Mark Jaenicke proposed to purchase a ping pong table. He had one bid of \$685, but the council suggested he get a second one before spending the funds.

The UAS Children's Center asked student government for \$7,000 this year. They received \$10,000 from student government last year. The request for this year's money was tabled until further information regarding the children's center's budget could be obtained.

## Degree

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Gorbachev is slated to visit the United States to participate in a Washington, D.C. summit with President George Bush.

"The idea to nominate Gorbachev came from UAS Professor Wallace Olson. He felt it would be appropriate to honor Gorbachev since the opening of the borders helped to reestablish the historical ties between the two regions. With the opening of the borders came steadily growing cultural and educational connections between Alaska and the Soviet Far East so there are a number of reasons why this seemed appropriate," said Lind, in a prepared statement.

"Alaska has unique geographical proximity to the Soviet Union and Sitka, is the historical capital of Russian America. This opening of exchanges reestablished the historical ties between the two regions that are Alaska specific," said Lind.

He said a diploma, academic cap, gown and hood are being prepped for Gorbachev, as well as a citation to be printed on the plaque, just in case.

"We are working closely with the Governor's Office and

expect to hear soon how we can make the conferral of the degree happen. And most importantly, we are working toward having a special commencement message for our graduates," said Lind.

representative of the Soviet government would be on campus to accept the degree.

Gorbachev was nominated for the degree by the university for his influence in the opening of borders between Alaska and Siberia to visa-free travel for Native people. After the university made its invitation, both Gov. Steve Cowper and U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens sent letters to Gorbachev urging him to accept the honorary degree and the invitation to speak.

Lind said he was told by Dubinin that it was unlikely that Gorbachev himself would be able to attend personally because of the press of political changes in the Soviet Union and because the speaking appearance falls some six weeks before

**Bradshaw on Family series to air:** Beginning Tuesday, the UAS Student Government and Student



## Student Government Meeting

Photo by Gregory Norman

Treasurer Cecil Elliott makes a point while President Dutch Knight and Vice President Teresa Warren look on during last week's meeting of the United Students of the University of Alaska Southeast. Student government made several decisions during the meeting.

## Pangia

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included House Majority Leader Mike Navarre, D-Kenai, and Southeast lawmakers, Reps. Fran Ulmer, D, and Bill Hudson, R, from Juneau, and Rep. Robin Taylor, R-Wrangell, and Cheri Davis, R-Ketchikan.

In attendance also was University of Alaska Board of Regent's President Gordon Evans.

The conference focused on Soviet politics, the effects of legislation on the University of Alaska and common problems and future plans of the different branches of the University of Alaska, said Pangia.

Pangia invited the 60 state

legislators, the U of A Regents, chancellors, faculty and the student governments from Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka. The candidates for governor were also invited.

"The conference was well worth the effort. We got a lot accomplished, and all student governments involved were pleased with the outcome," said Pangia.

"It was an open forum format so students could ask questions," said Pangia.

She said another outcome of the conference is that another conference for leaders of the three Southeast campuses and possibly the northern campuses will likely be held in the fall.

Pangia was appointed by the student government

association after she volunteered in early March to take over the task of improving campus relations between students, the university administration and the legislature.

"I got tired of everyone griping about student government. They actually do a lot of work for the benefit of students," said Pangia.

There are currently six bills in the legislature that may affect the university, she said.

"Two are pretty important," said Pangia.

One of the bills is proposing student loans for part-time students, and the other bill would provide free education for poverty level students, said Pangia.

"Those two bills are great," she said.



## Legislative Conference

Photo by Gregory Norman

Rep. Robin Taylor, R-Wrangell, talks while Rep. Bill Hudson, R-Juneau, listens during Saturday's Legislative conference session.

Activities in cooperation with UAS Student Resources will begin showing the 10-week "Bradshaw on the Family"

series. The videos will be shown on Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesdays in the Hendrickson Annex, Room 104.

For more information call Mary Lou Follet in Students Resources. Schedules are available on campus.